Superintendent of Schools

Department Overview

The County Superintendent of Schools is to provide administrative support, information and organization for the schools and communities of Gallatin County. The office must meet the requirements of federal, state, and local codes and policies while providing quality service to the children, families, schools and taxpayers of Gallatin County.

The county superintendent provides administrative services to five rural schools, conducts legal hearings of disputes, calculates and correlates county financial information, and acts as record keeper of school information. Home school students register with this office. Information is provided to real estate agents and residents as to the school district in which acreages and homes are located. Also, any property transfers between school districts go through this office.

There are 16 school districts and 32 schools in Gallatin County. Student population is comprised of 10,665 public school students and 1,511 home school and private school students. The County Superintendent supervises 5 independent elementary school districts, with 135 students and 17 full time and part time teachers.

The superintendent's office calculates, correlates and reports transportation and retirement mills totaling 40.64 or \$8,009,272 in tax revenues. All school budgets are reviewed and appropriate reporting and recording is provided.

Department Goals

- Streamline the office to run in an efficient manner within the budget by realigning job assignments;
- Implement standardized Performance Measurements;
- Continue close association with school boards and district clerks:
- Make transition to high school easier for rural school children;
- Monitor rural schools for compliance with Adequate Yearly Progress and Accreditation Standards; and,
- Work with home schoolers to gain the necessary trust in this office.
- Provide exceptional service to parent with educational concerns.
- Provide professional development and support for rural school teachers.

Recent Accomplishments

- Provided fingerprinting services to school personnel as specified by the No Child Left Behind Act, which requires a background check for anyone working with children;
- Networked rural school teachers reducing isolations and enhancing professional development days.
- Networked students in rural schools for easier transition into high schools;
- Conducted the fourth Gallatin County Science Fair;
- Increased educational opportunities for rural schools, (i.e. book fair, theatre production, community service,);
- Each of the rural schools achieved adequate yearly progress in compliance with federal law. They also met accreditation standards; and
- Maintained employment of highly qualified teachers.
- Created the Ophir High School District and the new K-12 District.
- Helped Anderson School receive title to the property on which school is located.
- Conducted preliminary hearings for a contested case.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	9	Actual FY 2007	Final FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Request FY 2009	Preliminary FY 2009	Final FY 2009
Personnel		\$123,832	\$ 134,665	\$ 128,169	\$132,244	\$ 136,869	\$ 136,145
Operations		24,896	31,839	26,594	30,735	30,735	30,735
Debt Service		-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay		3,016	17,000	16,693	-	-	-
Transfers Out		-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	\$ 151,744	\$ 183,504	\$ 171,456	\$162,979	\$ 167,604	\$ 166,880
Budget by Fund Grou	р						
General Fund		\$151,744	\$ 183,504	\$ 171,456	\$ 162,979	\$ 167,604	\$ 166,880
Special Revenue Funds		-	-	-	=	-	-
Debt Service Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	\$151,744	\$ 183,504	<u>\$ 171,456</u>	\$162,979	\$ 167,604	\$ 166,880
Funding Sources							
Tax Revenues		\$ 56,294	\$ 61,250	\$ 60,638	\$ 54,861	\$ 54,312	\$ 61,250
Non-Tax Revenues		51,869	60,269	59,064	54,562	53,471	60,269
Cash Reappropriated		43,581	61,985	51,755	53,556	59,821	45,361
	Total	\$151,744	\$ 183,504	\$ 171,456	\$162,979	\$ 167,604	\$ 166,880

Department Personnel

Per			
No	FT/PT	Title	FTE
1	Full-Time	Superintendent of Schools-Elected	1.00
1	Full-Time	Secretary	1.00
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		Total Program FTE	2.00

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2009 Budget Highlights

Personnel

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Operations

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Capital

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County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which Superintendent of Schools is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Provide a sound education for all the school children of Gallatin County.
- Educate school boards as to their legal responsibilities and duties.
- Network students and teachers within the county.
- Work with home school parents in registration and attendance policies.
- Research and courteously answer in a timely manner all educational questions of the general public.
- Provide statistical information on public schools in Gallatin County.

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Support school boards of the five rural schools to make informed decisions.
- Assist all schools in meeting and maintaining accreditation.
- Help rural schools to achieve adequate yearly progress.
- Meet all reporting deadlines. (OPI reports, trustee reports, school budgets, millage assessment, joint district reports)

Improve Communications

- Provide information on enrollment and budget statistics for all 32 schools.
- Communicate school district boundaries in a clear and concise manner to realtors and the public.

To be the Employer of Choice

To insure that the teachers in the rural schools are highly qualified.

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Workload Indicators Indicator	Actual FY 2006	Actual FY 2007	Estimated FY 2008	Projected FY 2009
Increase in registered certificates for teachers	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	-
2 . Reduction in questions from school boards after training	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavilable	-
3 . Statistical analysis data on rural schools on tests	Posted	Posted	Posted	-
4 . Track financial information	Posted	Posted	Posted	-

Performance Measures	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Projected
Measure	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
1 . Customer contacts	9,180	9,680	9,800	-
2 . Home schooled	484	477	450	-
3 . Public school enrollment-Elementary & H.S.	10,157	10,377	10,600	-
4 . Private school enrollment	859	853	920	-

Comments